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A GRINGO TAKEOVER BID FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

THE UNITED STATES BREAKS A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT

Since it was founded in 1959, the Inter-American Development Bank (idb) has had just four presidents: a Chilean, a Mexican, a Uruguayan and, since 2005, Luis Alberto Moreno, a Colombian. Under the gentlemen's agreement by which it was founded, Latin America has the presidency and a small majority of the capital while the United States has the number-two job and some informal vetoes over how the bank is run. The idb has not been free of the faults of such institutions, such as bureaucracy and a degree of cronyism, but it has played an important role in the region. It lends around \$12bn a year for infrastructure, health, education and so on, does some useful research and advises governments. It has also been a channel of communication between the two halves of the Americas.

Donald Trump doesn't believe in gentlemen's agreements, and his administration this week broke this one. The Treasury Department named Mauricio Claver-Carone, the top official for Latin America at the National Security Council (nsc), as its candidate to replace Mr Moreno, who is due to step down in September. Mr Claver-Carone, a Cuban-American, is technically qualified for the post. He has been an adviser to the Treasury and a representative to the imf, and was involved in the Trump administration's initiatives on development finance. He has told interlocutors that he would serve only one term at the idb, would bring fresh ideas and would be better placed than a Latin American to get the Treasury's crucial support for a capital increase that would give the bank resources to mitigate the covid-19 slump in the region. These are things that many in Latin America might welcome.

But Mr Claver-Carone is a controversial choice, and not just because his nomination breaks with tradition. At the nsc he has been the chief architect of Mr Trump's Venezuela policy, which has failed in its aim of getting rid of the dictatorship of Nicolas Maduro. "He's a guy who comes with very Miami-type baggage, adversarial to Cuba and Venezuela and representing a conservative alliance," says a Latin American diplomat. "He would bring ideology directly into the bank." Mr Claver-Carone walked out of the inauguration of Argentina's president, Alberto Fernandez, in December because of the presence of a Venezuelan minister. Many who have dealt with him describe him as arrogant and confrontational.

Given the Trump administration's cold war against China, Mr Claver-Carone's appointment as head of the idb might force Latin America to choose between the two countries, which the region is reluctant to do. Although China is granting fewer loans to Latin America than it did recently, it remains one of the region's most important trade partners. The Trump administration was furious with Mr Moreno for agreeing to hold the bank's annual meeting in China in 2019 (though in the event it was delayed and moved to Ecuador because of a row over who represented Venezuela). Mr Claver-Carone has his own animus against Mr Moreno, who vetoed his appointment as the bank's vice-president.

For Latin America the loss of the idb presidency would be a big diplomatic defeat, reflecting the region's weakness and ideolog-

ical division. Its leaders are a generally unimpressive bunch. They have failed to unite behind a candidate of their own. Diplomats expected the job to go either to Brazil or to Argentina. Jair Bolsonaro's government in Brazil informally canvassed support for Rodrigo Xavier, an experienced banker. Argentina's putative candidate, Gustavo Béliz, is a competent former idb official, but its centreleft government has few allies in the region. Brazil looks likely to back Mr Claver-Carone, mainly because Mr Bolsonaro has aligned himself closely with Mr Trump. Other smaller countries may, too, because they are desperate for money.

The new president must secure a double majority, of countries representing 50% of the idb's shares (the United States has 30% and Brazil 11%) and separately of the 28 members in the Americas. That may yet be a problem for Mr Claver-Carone.

The biggest reason to oppose his nomination is that he represents a polarising administration that may well lose an election in November, making him "the earliest lame duck in history", as a South American official puts it. The sensible course would be to extend Mr Moreno's term until next year, both to give time for other candidates to emerge and to see whether Mr Claver-Carone really represents the United States.

REMEMBERING BYRON MALLOTT

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, in the short history of Alaska as a State in our Union, there have been a handful of people—Bill Egan, Elizabeth Peratrovich, Jay Hammond, Wally Hickel, Ted Stevens—whose lives formed the fibers that wove Alaskans together. Another of those leaders passed recently.

Byron Mallott stands among the best of us. Born in the small town of Yakutat, AL, to the Kwaash Ke Kwaan clan of the Tlingit, in 1943 when Alaska was still a territory, he went on to an amazing life and career. His father was the long-time mayor of Yakutat, and when he died unexpectedly, Byron returned home from college, campaigned to take over the job, and won the election in 1965 at the age of 22. He then went on to serve the State's first Governor, Bill Egan, as the commissioner of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. When Egan lost his reelection campaign, Byron went back home to Yakutat and served on the city council. In 1968, he ran for a seat in the State house, losing by only 23 votes. In 1969, U.S. Senator Mike Gravel hired Byron to work on his staff in Washington, DC, where he had a hand in drafting the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the foundational legislation that continues to define our State and the relationship with Alaska Natives.

After ANCSA was signed into law, Byron spent 20 years working for Sealaska Corporation, 1 of 12 Native corporations which was created by the law. Sealaska is based in Juneau, and its shareholders are primarily Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian. Over the course of his tenure with Sealaska, Byron was a director, chairman, and then spent a decade as president and CEO of the corporation. He helped fulfill the vision of

ANCSA by supporting not just the economic vitality of the Native people in the region, but a cultural renaissance as well.

His additional business experience was extensive. Byron was a director of several commercial banking institutions, including 6 years on the Seattle Branch Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, multiple years as a director of the Alaska Air Group, and on the board of the National Alliance for Business. He also served as president of the Alaska Federation of Native, a brief stint as the mayor of the city and borough of Juneau, and executive director of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation.

But Byron was far more than a summation of his résumé, impressive though it was. He was a good man and a good friend. When I made the decision to run as a write-in candidate in 2010, I called to ask him to be the co-chair of that campaign. His response was instant, "Yes, absolutely." When I said I was making the announcement in an hour, he said, "I'll be there." There was no hesitation, no concern that he was a lifelong Democrat, supporting a long-shot Republican candidate. He exemplified in the best way Ted Stevens' philosophy: To hell with politics, do what is right for Alaska. With Byron's help, I was able to make history by winning the second write-in campaign for U.S. Senate in the country's history. I don't know if I would have been successful without him.

In 2014, Byron made history himself when he won the Democratic nomination for Governor of Alaska, then sacrificed his own ambition by joining with the Independent candidate for Governor to create a Unity Ticket. Byron agreed to serve as the candidate for Lieutenant Governor, with Bill Walker leading the ticket. Again, we did what he felt was right for Alaska, rather than his person political gain.

The Unity Ticket won the 2014 election, but faced some serious challenges, with low oil prices and a tough deficit situation. The fiscal crisis unfortunately dominated the 4 years of the Walker-Mallott administration and created rough political seas for them to weather, necessitating some hard decisions. Through it all, Byron continued to do what he had always done, work for Alaska and Alaskans. In the end, Byron held himself strictly accountable, which is something few people do, especially in politics.

A friend of mine, Dr. Rosita Worl, says that the Tlingit mourn the passing of a leader by noting, "In our forest, a great tree has fallen." That is a fitting metaphor for Byron, who stood strong for decades, serving as both shelter and a guide for people in Alaska. Byron was a strong and proud man, not in a boastful way, but as a true leader whose passion allowed him to put all Alaskans first. His heart was Alaska, and mine is stronger for having been blessed to call him my friend. I will miss him. Alaska will miss him.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JACKIE STRATTON

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Jackie Stratton of Toole County for her tremendous efforts to support her community.

Jackie, a graduating senior at Shelby High School, took the initiative to start a food bank at her school to help those in need.

Jackie's FFA and Ag teacher encouraged her to apply for a grant from Montana State University to fund her idea. After applying for the grant, she received \$500 from the Alpha Gamm Rho fraternity at Montana State University to start her food bank. Her selfless efforts then caught the attention of community member Lynda Barker, who was able to secure a \$2,500 grant from the America's Farmers Build Community Bayer Fund to help Jackie's efforts.

With these grants, Jackie was able to purchase a refrigerator, shelving, food, and hygiene products. Jackie also collaborated with the local Albertsons for dairy, breads, and frozen foods. Additionally, Jackie secured the donation of 300 pounds of ground beef from Flesch Angus in Shelby for her food bank.

It is my honor to recognize Jackie for her selfless efforts to help her fellow students and community members in need of support during this difficult time. Her bold initiatives inspired others to give as well and demonstrated how Montanans can come together to help one another.●

TRIBUTE TO EMILY AHO

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Emily Aho of Jaffrey as June's Granite Stater of the Month. Aho has stepped forward and provided emotional support for healthcare workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, reflecting our State's commitment to the idea that every individual can make a difference in times of critical need.

Aho is the executive director of the Newfoundland Pony Conservancy in Jaffrey, a nonprofit organization that provides a safe living environment for the endangered Newfoundland pony. Up until December 2019, Aho was also a registered nurse until some physical ailments made it difficult for her to work in a hospital.

Shortly after her retirement, COVID-19 began to spread rapidly throughout the United States, and Aho found herself feeling helpless as she watched her loved ones succumb to the deadly virus, including her father, a World War II veteran who was a guard during the Nuremberg trials.

After her father's death, Aho went searching for her father's old photos

and memorabilia and found them in the closet where she also kept her materials for equine-assisted learning. Her discovery of those materials was an inspiration and a reminder that, despite her loss, she had much to give.

Through a partnership with True Hope Therapeutic Horsemanship, Aho helped establish the Heal the Heroes program, which provides free therapeutic sessions with ponies and horses for healthcare workers who have experienced heightened mental and physical challenges amid the pandemic.

The healthcare workers visit Aho's conservancy once a week for 4 weeks, where they learn to communicate and connect with her Newfoundland ponies. Due to social distancing guidelines, the program can only take two people in one session, and all the equipment is properly sanitized to avoid spreading the virus. After 4 weeks with the Newfoundland ponies, the participants graduate to True Hope Therapeutic Horsemanship, where they continue therapeutic work with horses, both ridden and unriden.

This pandemic has impacted people and organizations throughout our State, including nonprofit organizations like the Newfoundland Pony Conservancy that Aho operates. But despite her own financial struggles, Aho still found a way to give back to her community and provide support to those on the front lines of this crisis. Aho's empathy and commitment to improving the mental wellness of her fellow community members exemplifies the best of our State and what it means to be a Granite Stater. I am honored to recognize her.●

TRIBUTE TO JEFF FOX

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, along with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO and Representative MIKE SIMPSON, I congratulate College of Southern Idaho, CSI, president Jeff Fox on his well-deserved retirement.

At age 10, just as CSI was gearing up to offer its very first classes in the fall semester of 1965, Dr. Fox's grandfather took him to the farm fields where the new local college was being built. Twenty-two years later, Dr. Fox returned to the College of Southern Idaho to begin his career in education.

For 33 years, Dr. Fox has dedicated his life to educating and developing the citizens and the communities of South-Central Idaho. He first came to CSI as an English professor, spending 15 years in the classroom helping his students learn and grow. His talent and skill eventually led him to accept positions in the college's administration, serving as the director of the Academic Development Center, chairman of the English Department, and executive vice president and chief academic officer.

In 2014, Dr. Fox was selected to serve as the fourth president of CSI. During

his tenure, he oversaw a rapid expansion of the campus and community, introducing new training programs and academic offerings to better equip students to thrive after graduation. Among his many accomplishments, he was instrumental in the dedication and administration of the Applied Technology and Innovation Center that houses CSI's workforce development and custom training programs for businesses and industries.

Today, CSI is known throughout South-Central Idaho for its outstanding nursing, agriculture, business, and workforce development programs, and its passion for equipping students with the tools needed to build a successful career and life. The students and faculty at CSI have been fortunate to prosper under Dr. Fox's skilled and steady leadership, and there is no question he has left an indelible mark on the CSI campus and the Magic Valley community at large.

President Fox, congratulations on your outstanding career. You make our great State proud, and we wish you all the best in your retirement and future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4889. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, homopolymer, ester with a-methyl-u-hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl) and a-[2,4,6-tris(1-phenyletyl)phenyl]-u-hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), graft, sodium salt; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 10006-65-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4890. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyflumetofen; Pesticide Tolerances"